

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Donald W. Jones, on January 10, 2017 at 8:45 AM, in Room 472  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Donald W. Jones, Chair (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Shauna Albrecht, Legislative Branch  
Robert Miller, Legislative Branch  
Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:** Agency Budget Hearing: Montana School for Deaf and Blind, Executive Action

00:01:11 Robert Miller, Legislative Fiscal Division, (LFD)  
00:01:25 Chair D. Jones  
00:01:29 Sen. Whitford joined the meeting  
00:01:38 Robert Miller, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jeh07a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh07a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh07a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh07a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh07a05\)](#)

00:03:18 Chair D. Jones  
00:03:30 Sen. Gauthier  
00:03:34 Rep. Hamlett joined the meeting  
00:03:50 Chair D. Jones  
00:04:00 Donna Sorensen, Montana School for Deaf and Blind, (MSDB)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh07a06\)](#)

00:06:44 Rep. Burnett  
00:06:56 Donna Sorensen, MSDB  
00:07:07 Rep. Burnett  
00:07:20 Donna Sorensen, MSDB  
00:07:35 Donna Schmidt, Montana School for Deaf and Blind, (MSDB)  
00:08:05 Chair D. Jones  
00:08:25 Robert Miller, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jeh07a07\)](#)

00:11:45 Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning, (OBPP)  
00:13:52 Rep. Hamlett  
00:14:06 Nancy Hall, OBPP  
00:14:58 Chair D. Jones  
00:15:05 Donna Sorensen, MSDB  
00:15:50 Chair D. Jones  
00:16:00 Donna Sorensen, MSDB  
00:16:28 Rep. Woods  
00:16:44 Donna Sorensen, MSDB  
00:18:39 Sen. Gauthier  
00:18:49 Donna Sorensen, MSDB  
00:19:33 Rep. Burnett  
00:19:47 Donna Schmidt, MSDB  
00:20:43 Rep. Burnett  
00:21:09 Donna Sorensen, MSDB  
00:22:23 Rep. Woods  
00:23:02 Rep. Hamlett  
00:23:18 Donna Sorensen, MSDB  
00:23:24 Sen. Whitford  
00:24:19 Nancy Hall, OBPP  
00:24:41 Donna Sorensen, MSDB  
00:24:55 Nancy Hall, OBPP  
00:25:34 Chair D. Jones  
00:25:50 Rep. Burnett  
00:27:15 Sen. Gauthier  
00:27:29 Donna Sorensen, MSDB  
00:28:25 Rep. Hamlett

00:29:08 Chair D. Jones  
00:29:19 Rep. Hamlett  
00:29:59 Sen. Whitford  
00:30:16 Chair D. Jones  
00:31:20 Vice Chair L. Jones  
00:33:48 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
00:34:55 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education  
  
00:36:08 Recess  
00:50:31 Reconvened

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION**

00:50:45 Vice Chair L. Jones  
[EXHIBIT\(jeh07a08\)](#)

00:54:59 Rep. Woods  
00:56:04 Vice Chair L. Jones  
00:56:47 Rep. Burnett  
00:57:17 Vice Chair L. Jones

00:59:44 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **THE GOVERNOR'S STARTING POINT EXECUTIVE REDUCTIONS FOR DEPARTMENTS TITLED 1 FOR SECTION E BE ADOPTED.**

01:00:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:00:57 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE MODIFICATIONS FOR DEPARTMENTS TITLED 2 BE ADOPTED.**

### **Discussion:**

01:01:31 Rep. Woods

01:02:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamlett, Sen. Whitford and Rep. Woods voting no.

01:02:38 Sen. L. Jones  
01:03:15 Chair D. Jones

## ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:03:28

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Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jeh07aad.pdf](#))